# September 2009

# **City Website Enhances Communication With Citizens**

Quickly and easily find the information you need at www.WylieTexas.gov. The updated site is more than just a new look--It is easier to navigate and features many new enhancements. On the homepage alone you can:

- Use the Help Center to directly submit issues or concerns, track the response to your inquiry, and quickly search a database of more than 250 points of information for answers to your questions.
- View a webcam of the new Municipal Complex construction site and click on the link to zoom in on the image, create a time lapse or select past images of the construction site.

- View and download pictures of City events, activities, programs and scenery. Simply click on the slide show located on the left hand side of the homepage. Submit your own pictures of Wylie by joining the City of Wylie Flickr group.
  - Sign up for the eWYLIE newsletter, featuring up to date news information delivered directly to your email.
    - Use the Stay Informed and Online Services quick link navigation feature to access agendas & minutes, search city records and the code of ordinances, use the interactive map, look for a pet, or check out the latest food scores.



## Public Safety Expo Sunday, October 11; 1 pm - 5 pm Founders Park

Helicopters • Vehicle Displays • SWAT Team • K9 Demo Vehicle Extrication Demo • Children ID's • Bounce Houses Free Hot Dogs • Dress Up in Fire and Police Gear

# Turn On Your Porch Light, Meet Your Neighbors Tuesday, October 13

To register as a National Night Out participant, or schedule a visit from Wylie Police or Wylie Fire Rescue, please contact Off. Angie Willis, 972-429-3248, or email angie.willis@wylietexas.gov.

# Online @ WylieTexas.gov

#### **Road Construction Update**

Wylie is investing in more than 13 miles of new and reconstructed roadways over the next five years, including FM 1378. Get details on this and other reconstruction projects throughout the City at WylieTexas.gov. Select "Road Construction Updates" found under the "Stay Informed" box on the left hand side of the homepage.

#### **Pesticides and Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Collin County residents may drop off pesticides and other hazardous products including motor oil, batteries, paint, light bulbs and antifreeze during a free collection event sponsored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Monday, September 28, at Myers Park and Event Center, 7117 County Road 166, Mckinney, TX. Electronics will not be accepted. Go to www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/agwaste for more details or call 972-548-4233.

## **Code of Ordinances & City Charter**

Quickly search the City of Wylie Code of Ordinances and City Charter. Go to WylieTexas.gov > City Government > Ordinances.

#### **Search Historical Records**

Check out the important issues of the day. In 1912 a motion carried that each member of the fire company be paid the sum of \$.50 per month for his services, payable quarterly. Searchable records include: Council Meeting minutes, 1904 to present; Ordinances, 1911 to present; and Resolutions, 1955 to present. From the homepage select City Hall > Search City Records.

### **CERT Graduates Ready To Assist**

Fourteen citizens recently graduated from the second class of Wylie Fire Rescue's Community Emergency Response Team training program. Graduates are taught emergency preparedness and basic disaster response techniques enabling them to provide critical support to professional first responders in the event of an emergency or disaster.



# 911 Telecommunicators Certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch

Using the Medical Priority Dispatch System, 911 telecommunicators are now equipped to provide callers instructions while emergency units are in route, including advanced life support for maintaining a patient's airway, breathing and circulation. The system covers nearly any kind of medical call: back pain, choking, diabetic problems, drowning, electrocution, overdose, gunshot wound, stroke and even child birth. Medical Priority Dispatch prioritizes the actions of the dispatcher to ensure a swift response and proper care of the patient. Medical Dispatch services were previously provided by East Texas Medical Center.

# **Celebrate 100 Years of Wylie Fire Rescue**



Saturday, October 24 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church Events Center

\$25 per person

Please RSVP by calling 972-442-8110

# **Arts Festival Saturday, December 5**Sponsor and Vendor Opportunities

The City of Wylie and the Public Arts Advisory Board is proud to present the Wylie Arts Festival, December 5, in downtown Wylie's Olde City Park. Shop for fine art and handmade crafts, listen to the sounds of the season, watch holiday cooking

demonstrations, and top the day off with the annual tree lighting ceremony. More details to come with many surprises.

For a sponsorship or vendor brochure go to WylieTexas.gov > Wylie Living > Events.



## **Fun & Learning**

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library 800 Thomas Street 972-442-7566 www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Library

#### All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

#### Author's Express Festival

Smith Public Library, Sachse Public Library and Barnes & Noble invite you to meet the author throughout the month of September.

September 21, 7 pm, Wylie City Hall - Maria Lima, author of *Matters of the Blood*, a paranormal vampire series.

September 22, 7 pm, Sachse Public Library - Young adult and science fiction author William Manchee.

September 24, 6 pm, Sachse Public Library - Dallas Morning News writer Frank Luksa, author of *Cowboys Essential:* Everything You Need to Know to be a Real Fan.

September 24, 7 pm, Wylie Community Center - Robert Rummel Hudson, author of *Schulyer's Monster: A Father's Journey with His Wordless Daughter*, will talk about his experiences with his learning disabled child.

September 28, 7 pm, Sachse Public Library - Bob Huffaker and Bill Mercer, authors of *When the News Went Live*, describe their experiences as reporters at the Kennedy assassination.

#### Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Big Kids (ages 3-5), 9 am & 11 am Wee Read (Babies & Toddlers), 10 am

September 23 - Autumn is Here September 30 - What a Mess!

October 7 - Yes and No

October 14 - Under Construction

October 21 - Down on the Farm

October 28 - Let's Pretend Halloween

#### BeTween Book & Movie Club, Sept. 24 & Oct. 22, 6:30 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to discuss the book, watch scenes from the movie and enjoy snacks. The first 15 kids to sign up get a free copy of the book.

September 24 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

October 22 - The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith

#### Wagging Tales, October 1 & 15, 6:30 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come first served basis the evening of the program.

# Teen Library Council Meeting, Oct. 8, 5 pm, Grades 6-12

Discuss teen programs, give feedback on the teen collection and win prizes.

#### Fourth Monday Book Club, Oct. 26, 6:30 pm

Adults 18 and up are invited to a book discussion on *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl.